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EDUCATION SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether UNDP report released in June, 2000 has pointed out that there is a poor education system prevailing in India;

(b) if so, whether the Government have fully examined this report;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (d): The Human Development Report,2000 released recently by the United Nation's Development Programme (UNDP), New York on "Human Rights and Human Development" has citeda collective social failure behind the problems of primary education in the country which called not only for state policies but also for local community solutions.

Government is committed to provide free and compulsory education of a satisfactory quality to all children upto 14 years of age. Efforts have been made in this regard through several interventions that include Operation Blackboard, District Primary Education Programme, Non-Formal Education, and Mid-Day-Meals ProgrammeGreater participation of local communities is encouraged in programmes of school improvement through Panchayati Raj Institutions, Village Education Committees, Parent-Teacher Associations etc.